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A Young Man Who Went From Here to
Vancouver Nabbed on Monday
Night.

George Holland, a young man 24 or 25 years of age, was arrested in Vancouver by Detective Jackson on Monday night for passing bogus drafts on prominent citizens. According to the Vancouver Ledger when he arrived at the Terminal City about a week ago, he put up at the Hotel Vancouver and lived in style. He claimed to be a hotelkeeper from San Francisco, and was looking for an opening.

He had a draft of \$200 or \$300 which he was unable to cash at the other day, and on pretence of not being known at the bank secured an advance of \$120 from Mr. H. T. Copley on the strength of the paper. Mr. Copley found, after investigation, that the draft was worthless and he placed the matter in the hands of the police.

Monday night Detective Jackson, who had learned that Holland had been doing a lively turn on the street, met his man coming out of a resort in the Dupont

street quarter. He stopped Holland and asked him if that was not his name. "Oh, no," was the ready response. "My name is the same as yours, Jackson." The detective was sure of his man, however, and refused the proffered name. He started for the station with his man and, on the way Holland owned up to everything. He admitted his name, and also told the detective that he had taken a room at the Horseshoe hotel Monday night, as he had become suspicious that he was being watched.

Holland went to Vancouver from this city, where he has a relative in business. The other day he asked the latter to identify him at one of the local banks in order that he might cash a draft purporting to come from San Francisco. He was duly identified, but his relative would not assume any responsibility in regard to the draft, so it was not cashed. Doubtless the draft used in Vancouver is the same one.

PIONEER DEAD.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, June 3.—A. G. Ferguson, a well known pioneer citizen of Vancouver, died last night at San Francisco.

The tallest man of whom there is authentic measurement was Punnam, of Scotland, who was 11 feet 6 inches in height.

MARTIN RESIGNS THE LEADERSHIP

LEFT IN ABEYANCE
UNTIL AFTER ELECTION

No Liberal Convention to Be Called—
Campaign Committee Have Been
Appointed.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, June 3.—"I hereby place my resignation as leader of the Liberal party in the hands of the provincial executive."

This was the announcement to-day which caused a sensation at the meeting of the executive of the Liberal Association of British Columbia. Mr. Martin's avowed reason was to promote harmony and avoid friction in the party throughout the province. He refused to discuss the matter further before leaving for Victoria by boat at 2 p.m.

John Oliver, Mr. Baxter and one or two others pulled very strongly for a convention, but were out-voted by the other members of the executive.

The plan, in brief, is that the party will go to the country without a provincial leader, and that no general convention will be called. The idea is that each riding hold a local convention, nominate candidates, and a caucus of the members elected will, after the election, choose a leader from amongst the elected members.

The meeting was pretty lively at times. Many local Liberals are much disappointed that no convention is called. They question the power of the executive to refuse a convention when it is requested by fourteen or fifteen associations, as is said to have been done.

The meeting was called at 11:30 a.m. Those present were as follows: Stuart Henderson, vice-president, in the chair; Wm. Sloan, T. S. Baxter, R. Hall, J. C. Brown, John Oliver, W. J. McMillan, J. Jardine, Dr. Sinclair, H. G. Miller and Joseph Martin, by invitation, he not being a member of the executive.

It was decided that, looking to the imminence of the dissolution of the legislature and the short time available, it would be inadvisable to call a convention of the party, and Mr. Martin agreed with this view, and as there had been throughout the country a certain amount of feeling regarding the constitution of the last convention as not being representative, and as on that and other grounds the action of the convention in electing Mr. Martin as leader of the Liberal party had been challenged, Mr. Martin told the executive that the best course under the circumstances seemed to be for him to place his resignation in the hands of the executive and make that body, which is more representative of the Liberals of the province than any individual could be, responsible for immediate arrangements.

Mr. Martin immediately wrote his formal resignation as above quoted.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Martin's voluntary resignation be accepted.

It was resolved that an appeal be made to the Liberals of the province to fall into line, and work together for the purpose of bringing into power a Liberal government. The following campaign committee were named:

Vancouver Island—R. Hall, Wm. Sloan, and J. Jardine.

Kootenay—Interior District Liberal Council, D. Ross, secretary.

Lower Mainland—J. Martin, J. C. Brown, J. Oliver and W. J. McMillan.

Middle Country—S. Henderson, H. G. Miller, M. P. Gordon, Robert Bolland and D. Stoddart.

SCENES OF DESOLATION.

Sufferings of the Homeless in Georgia—
Many of Injured Will Probably Die.

Gainesville, Ga., June 2.—The tornado which visited the towns of Gainesville, New Holland and White Sulphur, Ga., yesterday afternoon resulted in the killing of about 100 men, women and children, according to reports which are as yet incomplete.

It is estimated that forty persons were fatally injured and many more hurt. Probably 1,000 people are homeless, 200 houses, besides the Gainesville cotton mills, were destroyed by the storm, aggregating a property loss of \$500,000.

Last night brought increased misery to the tornado sufferers, for a steady rain set in late in the afternoon, attended by bitter cold weather. All night long physicians and volunteers pushed their way through the wreckage guided to the suffering victims by their groans.

Here and there a fallen tree would be in the way of a wrecked house would stop the progress. To the city hall, armory and court house the homeless were taken for shelter.

A mass meeting was held to-day at which \$5,000 was subscribed to a relief fund. A message has been sent to the secretary of war asking for tents to shelter

the homeless and an appeal for aid has been made to the public.

Kansas City Flood.

Kansas City, June 2.—A general feeling prevails that Kansas City has seen the worst of the storm. The stock of meats in the packing houses, most of which can be taken out in bags, proves to be greater than at first supposed, and there is no doubt that there is sufficient meat to sustain the city for a week, even if nothing is brought from the outside.

The first mails from the West have been received, one late last night and another from Wichita this morning. Nothing has come yet from the flooded district around Topeka and Lawrence and it is not likely that any will arrive from there for several days after the water subsides. About two carloads of second, third and fourth class matter have been lost in the freight yards.

The financial damage is estimated by prominent business men at anywhere between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in this city alone, but there is no method of determining this with any accuracy.

The great danger now is the crumbling of brick buildings, and this has begun in some quarters where old structures are standing. Here and there the corner of a brick house has gone down, but there has been no general collapse as yet of any large buildings.

Sickness Feared.

Des Moines, June 2.—The flood in Des Moines is still disheartening but the water is falling rapidly. The wide territory that was flooded is a picture.

Men and women who have anxiously watched for the water to go down wandered over the muddy streets to the houses which had been homes. As each one looked through the door of his home an expression of misery passed over his countenance. There were no ruins, furniture was scattered about the rooms, mud covered the carpets and the walls were coated with dirty slime. Many are planning to move out of these places.

The walls are damp and every effort will be made by the committees in the field to see that they are dried as thoroughly as possible, for sickness, it is feared, may come if people are allowed to enter them in their present condition.

Train service on the main lines is once more nearly normal. At Ottumwa the water has begun to decline, but it is still rising between Keosauqua and Keokuk. Water flows through the main streets of Ottumwa, four miles of the main line of the Burlington tracks are under water, the light and water plants are shut down and business is prostrated.

The main southwest line of the Rock Island has not got a train through Eldon for three days. Numerous bridges have been washed out between Eldon and Keokuk.

At Bentonport, Farmington and Bonaparte great damage has been wrought by the flood and half the towns are under water.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Sulphur Creek Miner's Body Found With
Bullet Hole in It.

The following news items have been received from Dawson under date of June 1st:

The body of Henry Peterson, a Sulphur Creek miner, was found on Friday evening on Hanker road with a bullet hole through the right temple. Indications point to murder. The body was found by H. N. Henning, who immediately notified the police. Constable McMillan was detailed to investigate and found the body partly denuded by fire. The limbs were badly scorched. Nearly \$200 was found on the remains. Constable Graham was sent for the body and was seriously injured by a runaway. He was thrown from the wagon, his shoulder dislocated and numerous bruises on his head and body inflicted.

Only seven men have succeeded in crossing Lake La Barge on account of the condition of the ice in the lake. Charles Jones and Henry Ingram were the first to reach the shore. They had eggs, butter, potatoes and bacon, and received fancy prices for everything. There are about ninety seals hung up at the head of La Barge waiting for the lake to open and many small boats are arriving every day. There is scarcely enough water in Holt Gate to float steamers.

As high as \$500,000 in gold dust has been received by Dawson banks in a single day this season.

Thomas E. Herron, a miner of lower Dominion creek, was killed while working on a large rock falling on his body. Both legs were broken. The accident occurred on a hillside claim twenty-three miles below Bonanza creek. Five doctors attended Herron, but paralysis set in and death resulted.

Victoria Day was generally observed in Dawson. The sports ran from 9 in the morning until 12 midnight. Hundreds of miners from the creeks were in the city.

Over four tons of second-class mail matter arrived on the steamer Thistle from La Barge. Most of the same is the winter's accumulation and consists of letters of ancient date.

The Yukon Council has appropriated \$25,000 for assay offices at Dawson and White Horse.

W. H. Parsons, one of the chief promoters of the Klondike Mines Railroad, who has just returned to Dawson, states that the road will positively be built.

OVER A WOMAN.

Man Killed in a Quarrel With His
Consul.

San Bernardino, Cal., June 1.—Bicente Chavez was shot and killed by his cousin, Juan Chavez, in the outskirts of this city last night, in a quarrel over a woman.

After the shooting a brother of the dead man pursued Juan through an orange grove and shot him through the leg, inflicting a wound which will probably necessitate amputation of the limb.

Chavez asserts that Bicente attempted to kill him and he turned the revolver in his direction, discharging it in the scuffle.

THE TASK OF NEW PREMIER, R. M'BRIDE

Conservatives and Liberals Alike Dissatisfied
With His Action--Committee Approve Main
Estimates, But Will Increase Supplementaries.

The path of the new Premier, R. McBride, promises to be anything but strewn with roses. By his action in declaring that he would form a party line administration, he has alienated the most effective section of his former following; while by the same token he has aroused the hostility of the old-line Conservatives, who accepted Messrs. Prior, Elberts or Wilson as their leader. His advent in his new role is regarded as the act of an interloper, and while he may find Conservatives willing to support him to the extent of giving supply, their classification under his banner will cease there.

The attitude of the Conservative paper of this city this morning, which is regarded as the personal mouthpiece of the Prior-Pooly Conservatives, leaves little doubt of their hatred of the new regime. It is stated on authority, too, that Mr. Helmecken will positively decline to support Mr. McBride in his new role, and his action will be that of many in the city and country.

Opposition to the McBride cabinet, too, comes in other ways. One of these objections is that it contains four lawyers, a most heinous offence in the eyes of the Prior Conservatives, who at the time of the Victoria bye-elections enunciated the doctrine that lawyers would be anathema in all future administrations in this country.

Still another objection comes in the sectional spirit displayed in excluding the whole of Vancouver Island from representation in the cabinet with the exception of the honorary post of president of the council, which Mr. McBride has graciously indicated he will assign to Mr. McPhillips.

On the Liberal side immediate steps are being taken for closing up the ranks and preparing for the impending fight. To-day a meeting of the provincial executive is being held in Vancouver when the question of a Liberal convention in the immediate future will be considered. It is understood that there are no sufficient applications from Liberal associations to warrant this step under the constitution, and there is little doubt that Mr. Martin will facilitate such a move in view of the new conditions which have arisen.

Last night Messrs. Martin and Oliver and Hall, who are members of the Liberal executive, went over to the Mainland to attend the meeting.

The committee appointed by the house to consider the estimates worked late last evening, and made very marked progress with their task. Last evening they completed the consideration of the main estimates, which were left practically untouched, and went into the supplementaries in which there promises to be a very large increase. All the promises and assurances given by the old ministry, the committee seemed to consider should be kept, and the result was that the original provision in the form of supplementaries was very largely augmented.

The committee resumed its labors this morning.

The committee will sit again this evening. While the main estimates are turned over to the House practically as they stand there is a recommendation that in certain lines these might be radically reduced. Certain sections are specified which are those relating to salaries, etc. This will not affect the public works at all. In the supplementaries lists increases are being made. Some of the members of the committee intimate that these increases are not so much in any large items, but increases all along are being asked for, more particularly in the up country. There is a vote of \$20,000 for Vancouver hospital.

The committee seem to consider it useless to fight these items out in their meeting, knowing that they have no authority in the matter, and that the House will have the privilege of either agreeing or disagreeing with them and finally deciding upon them.

The present government will be forced to take the responsibility for these matters. Under the present financial conditions it is not considered likely that many increases will meet with the wishes of the House. On account of the heavy estimates granted a few favored constitencies by the late government an opportunity has been afforded to bring those less highly favored up to the level set by these large appropriations.

The committee's estimates will, it is expected, make food for considerable debate on the floor of the House when it is introduced.

The letter of dismissal sent by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to ex-Premier Prior has now been made public, although it has not yet been presented to the House, which would be the usual course in such matters. The letter very clearly indicates that the views of Col. Prior upon the principle of parliament-

ary independence is not at all in keeping with the view held by His Honor.

It is as follows:

Government House,
Victoria, B. C., 1st June, 1903.
Lieut. Governor the Honorable E. G. Prior,
Prime Minister, Victoria.

Dear Colonel Prior:—I have read with care and attention the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the charges preferred against you in connection with the Chinamen Creek tender.

The views which you expressed, in explanation and justification of your action, in your answers to the committee, especially those found on pages 36 and 37 of the official type-written report, are so compatible with, and so completely at variance with what I have always understood to be the true principles of parliamentary independence of members, and above all, of ministers of the crown, that while admitting that you must have honestly considered that you were doing no wrong, I am, to my sincere regret, unable to continue feeling that confidence in your judgment which would justify me in setting, any longer, on your advice.

I remain, yours truly,
HENRI G. JOYE DE LOTHIERRE,
Lieut. Governor.

The evidence referred to is as follows:
Q.—Do you think it is quite the correct thing to do? A.—I do.

Q.—I understood you to say in the House, and it is referred to in that resolution, that during the time you were a member of the House of Commons at Ottawa, quite a number of years ago, you formed your business into a limited liability so that you would have the opportunity of selling goods to the government, notwithstanding that you were a member of the House?

A.—When I went into politics we were in the habit of supplying the government with supplies the Dominion government and the Provincial government and one session I think it was a session or two after I got there—after I was in the House—I forgot the year, it was 1887, '88 or '89 there was a sum of \$4 or \$5 down on the Auditor-General's report for E. G. Prior, or Fellows & Prior, or I think it was E. G. Prior & Co., but it was not Limited Liability then, I owned it all. Well, the opposition got on to it, and they were going to try and make me lose my seat, but fortunately we found an opposition man, a doctor, who had been paid \$5 for attending some Indians or other, as it was a saw-off.

Q.—I think yours was the first case? A.—It might have been one way or the other, but I think it was the opposition. They told me then in the House, Why don't you form your company into a joint stock company? and I said, Oh, I suppose it would be better, and then they said, "You can supply any government that you like." After looking into the matter, I found that there were some in my employ then who knew the business, and who would like to get into it, so I sold them some of my stock and formed it into a limited liability company.

Q.—Although you were a majority owner of the stock in the firm of E. G. Prior & Co., and you don't think there is anything inappropriate in your government or the government of which you are a member buying from a firm of which you are a member?

A.—I am not a member who is a lawyer, or is attorney-general, and his partner takes charge of looking after a private bill for anybody and lobbying it through the House.

Q.—You say that Mr. Gamble told you he thought it was a mistake for your firm to tender on account of your being a member of the government? A.—Yes; he said so.

Q.—You don't agree with Mr. Gamble? A.—No; I don't.

In the House.

Capt. Tatlow, on the Speaker taking the chair, reported on behalf of the special committee appointed by the House that considerable retrenchment could be effected, 2 to 11 inclusive, and these should be made by the government, even though the estimates as laid before the House were adopted.

Mr. Hunter, on privilege, asked if it was true as stated in the Colonist that the cabinet was as follows: Premier and Chief Commissioner, Hon. Richard McBride; Minister of Finance, Hon. R. G. Tatlow; Minister of Mines, Hon. Robert F. Fellows; Provincial Secretary, Hon. Chas. Wilson; President of the Council, Hon. A. E. McPhillips.

He thought it was not too much to ask if this was true. It was of vital importance. He wanted also to know if the leader of the government was sitting in the House drawing a salary or not. The act of 1890 did not specify whether the President of the Council should draw a salary or not.

He wanted a clear explanation of these matters.

Capt. Tatlow said that he had no information as to who were to be members of the Premier's government. It was

the intention to make an announcement with respect to that in the course of two days perhaps. He was sorry to say he was not drawing a salary in his official position.

The House then proceeded with the orders of the day.

Statement By Sir H. Tupper.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, June 3.—Sir Herbert Tupper denies the statement in this morning's Colonist that he is intending to desert the House of Commons to break into provincial politics. He says he never plans so far ahead, but announces that as a matter of business he won't run again for the Dominion House for Pictou, as it takes too much time to go to Ottawa.

SAILORS EXECUTED.

Were Convicted of Murder of Captain and Six of Barque's Crew.

Liverpool, June 2.—Gustave Ran, a German, and William Smith, an American, seamen of the British barque Veronica, from Ship Island, Me., who were convicted of murdering Capt. Shaw and six other members of the Veronica's crew, were hanged here simultaneously today. Ran protested his innocence on the scaffold.

THE DREDGING OF VICTORIA HARBOR

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN MADE FOR WORK

Grand Trunk Pacific Bill Again Before
Committee—Success of Sir W.
Mallock's Scheme.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, June 3.—The Liberal members with Mr. Keefer, resident engineer of British Columbia, had an interview with Hon. J. Sutherland and arranged for an additional new dredge for Vancouver, a snagboat for the Fraser river and additional dredging for Victoria.

The dredger Kinne Edward will be sent to Victoria not later than July.

Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Grand Trunk bill was again talked over at committee to-day. A. G. Blair said that he was not of the same opinion as the Maritime provinces men, and believed that the road should go to the nearest seaport and not to Moncton, but he also did not look with favor on paralleling the Intercolonial. The motion made to commence construction in British Columbia and the eastern section at the same time was voted down by a large majority. An amendment by Mr. Sproule to commence on all sections east of Winnipeg simultaneously and an amendment to build to St. John instead of Moncton were both voted down, also by large majorities. When the hour of adjournment was reached Hon. R. Prefontaine gave notice of an amendment to secure connection between the road and Montreal.

Favorable.

Sir William Mallock's efforts to bring about greater intimacy between Canada and the other parts of the Empire by extending the distribution of Canadian newspapers continue to bear fruit. Sarawak, the Transvaal, Zanzibar, Gambia, Ceylon and British Honduras have just replied to the Postmaster-General's note, all signifying their willingness to receive Canadian newspapers for distribution when these are posted in Canada at our domestic rates.

LEGAL NEWS.

Cases Before the Supreme Court—Applications in Chambers.

In the criminal case removal of Hennessy, Coote, the Supreme court sitting in banc allowed the prisoner leave to appeal. The appeal will be argued this week, and is based on a claim of improper rejection of evidence.

Stove vs. McDonald—An appeal from judgment by Judge Harrison was argued this morning, the appeal being dismissed with costs. E. M. Garwood for appellant, L. P. Duff, K. C., contra.

Chambers.

Mr. Justice Walker granted the following orders in Chambers this morning:

Wilson vs. Canadian Bank of Commerce—Consent order for security for costs granted. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, Chas. Wilson contra.

Dempster vs. Salmo—Order confirming registrar's report and directing bank to deliver up crown grants allowed. C. R. Hamilton for plaintiff, J. H. Lawson, Jr., contra.

Attorney-General vs. Griffiths—Leave to appear granted, judgment set aside, and plaintiff to discontinue, by consent. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff.

HOUSES ON FIRE.

Another Outbreak at Hull and Much Damage May Be Done.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, June 3.—Fifty houses are on fire in Hull and a stiff wind is blowing. Ottawa has been asked for aid.

The allowance of the Lord Mayor of London, up to the majority of Sir Sidney Waterlow, in 1872, was \$7,500 annually; but it was increased in that year to \$10,000, at which sum it has since remained.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, June 3.—5 a.m.—The barometer
is highest on the Californian coast, but a
low pressure area of some energy is cen-
tral in Alberta, and its movement is caus-
ing rainfall at Barkerville and Kamloops,
and also in Eastern Oregon and Washing-
ton. Elsewhere west of the ranges fair
cool weather prevails. In the Northwest
the high barometer is slowly giving way
and fine summer like weather is general.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate
winds, generally fair, with stationary or
higher temperature.
Lower Mainland—Light or moderate
winds, generally fair and not much change
in temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.12; temperature,
44; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles W.; weather,
clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.12;
temperature, 46; minimum, 44; wind, 4
miles E.; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; tempera-
ture, 52; minimum, 32; wind, calm; rain,
1.6; weather, rain.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.00; tempera-
ture, 42; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain,
.90; weather, rain.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; tem-
perature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 6 miles
W.; weather, clear.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.02; tem-
perature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles
E.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.76; tempera-
ture, 50; minimum, 52; wind, 6 miles E.;
weather, clear.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HON. R. G. TATLOW IN
HIS DUAL CAPACITY

The New Premier's Explanatory Letter
Read in the House Yesterday
Afternoon.

Upon the opening of the House yester-
day afternoon, prayers were read by Rev.
Dr. Campbell.

Mr. Gilmour presented petitions from
H. C. Leslie and others and J. Lehman
and others respecting the proposed
amendments to the Mineral and Pincer
Acts.

Letter From Premier.

Said Tatlow, alluding to the adjourn-
ment of yesterday, said that His Honor
had been pleased to accept his appoint-
ment as President of the Council. He
announced that the Premier had definite-
ly decided upon party lines, and upon
taking an appeal to the country as soon
as possible. He read a letter from the
new Premier as follows:

Premier's Office,
Victoria, B.C., 2nd June, 1903.
Hon. R. G. Tatlow, President, Executive
Council, Victoria:

Dear Captain Tatlow:—As, under the
circumstances, it is impossible for me to
make an official statement in the House, I
am handing you this letter that you may
read it for the purpose of acquainting the
members of the legislature of the position
of affairs.

After most careful consideration, and in
view of the anticipated dissolution of par-
liament, I have fully decided that the in-
terests of the country would be best served
by a division on party lines. Personally,
I have always favored this course, and feel
sure the electorate, as a whole, is desir-
ous that local affairs in the province should
be so administered.

The government to be formed will be
Conservative in character, and after dis-
solution it is the intention to make an ap-
peal to the country at the earliest possible
moment. In the preparation of the voters'
list, and in all other matters pertaining to
the forthcoming elections, everything will
be done to permit of public opinion having
the fullest and fairest expression at the polls.

Had parliament continued to the expiry
of its legal existence a composite govern-
ment would have been formed, and I can-
not allow this occasion to pass without
placing on record my appreciation of the
valued cooperation of the Liberals who
were my colleagues in the opposition ranks.
They are entitled to, and have, my warm-
est thanks, and under other circumstances
than those to which I have alluded to, I
should have had much pleasure in recog-
nizing their services by a proportion of seats
in the cabinet.

Faithfully yours,
RICHARD McBRIDE,
Premier.

Capt. Tatlow, continuing, stated that
in order to get supply granted it had
been thought wise to ask a committee
of five members who were supporters of
the old government and five of the sup-
porters of the other side. This committee
was asked to revise the estimates and
select such bills as might be deemed ad-
visable to have passed before dissolution.

He moved, seconded by Mr. Green:
"That in order to facilitate a speedy
agreement upon the estimates, it is hereby
resolved that the following bills com-
mitted to revise the same: Messrs. Semlin,
Fulton, Kidd, Paterson, Tatlow, Mc-
Lenn, Hall, Clifford, Houston and Eli-
son."

He asked that the committee should,
if the resolution carried, go on with their
work at once, so that they would be
ready to proceed with the estimates with-
out delay.

Mr. Martin thought that the proposal
of the new government was a ridiculous
one and an unheard of proposal. This
was a proposition to have the estimates,
the most essential part of the work of
the legislature, passed upon by a com-
mittee in the dark away from the public.
They did not know what nefarious work
might be carried on. He did not know
any reason why the matter of supply
should be taken out of the hands of the
House and relegated to a committee of
five. He would oppose this. It was ab-
solutely necessary to have supply, but
why should it be done in the dark? This
resolution might pass, but he would not
be bound by it. He would move that
resolution be saw fit when the question
of supply came up in the House. He
would not consent to any bills being
crowded through the House in such a
manner as proposed. The government
had begun its regime in an outrageous
manner—more outrageous than anything
he had heard proposed in this legisla-
ture.

Mr. McPhillips held that it was a com-
mon thing for both sides to come together
and consider supply at the time of dis-
solution. The work of this committee was
proposed to be one for revising, not for
settling the estimates. The legislature
would have to settle them. Those esti-
mates would have to come down by mes-
sage from His Honor. This committee
was appointed in order to facilitate
matters. He thought that the method
worked to harm.

"It shows great weakness on the part
of the government," replied Mr. Martin.
Mr. McPhillips replied otherwise. It
showed the strength of the government.
They were prepared to take no undue ad-
vantage of any one. All members should
facilitate the work of going to the coun-
try.

Mr. Gilmour could see no fairness in
the committee. It was proposed to go
to the country on party lines. It would
be fair to appoint five Conservatives and
five Liberals therefore on the committee.
But this was not done. There was
not a Liberal member from the Main-
land.
"What about Mr. Kidd?" asked Mr.
McPhillips.

"Well, I never understood that he was
a full Liberal," said Mr. Gilmour.
Mr. Kidd, rising, announced that he
was a Liberal. Cries of: "And a good
one, too."

Mr. McPhillips asked: "What about
Paterson?"
"Well he belongs to the island," said
Mr. Gilmour. "He was one of the men
you threw down."

"It is able to take care of himself,"
said Mr. McPhillips.
"Yes he can take care of himself, and
he will take care of you," replied Mr.
Gilmour.

The vote being taken the resolution
carried on the following division: before-
mentioned, 10; ayes, 10; noes, 10.

Yates—Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver,
Hawthornthwaite, Gifford, Hayward,
Gardner, Fulton, Curtis, Munro, Tatlow,
Green, Semlin, McPhillips, Taylor,
Heimcken, Prentice, Prior, Eberts, A.
W. Smith, Ellison, Clifford, Kidd, Hous-
ton, Paterson, Wells, McLenn, Hall,
Hunter, Dickie and Mounce—39.
Nays—Gilmour, Neil, Martin and
Houston—4.

Mr. McLenn asked that his name be
taken off the committee as he had taken
part in the original drafting of the esti-
mates, and in order that nothing befor-
e should take place he proposed that
Mr. Martin should act in his stead.
(Laughter.)

The House refused to sanction the re-
moval of the name of Mr. McLenn from
the committee.

Questions and Answers.

Capt. Tatlow proposed that they pro-
ceed to the orders of the day, commencing
at the questions. Then was enacted
some very ludicrous scenes.

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commis-
sioner of Lands and Works the following
questions: 1. How many applications for
coal and oil prospecting licenses in blocks
4,500 and 4,500, Southeast Kootenay, are
made by agents claiming to be acting for
the applicants? 2. Have the agents sign-
ing the above applications satisfied the
government that they were duly author-
ized to sign the above-mentioned appli-
cations? 3. What steps, if any, do the
government intend to take to ascertain
if the applications are true or are not
fraudulent? 4. Is it the intention of the
government to recognize the claim to
priority of location by the discoverer of
coal oil in Southeast Kootenay?

Col. Prior wanted to know who was
the Chief Commissioner.

"Don't ask me," replied Mr. Oliver.
"I'm not supposed to know."
Finally Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as
follows (acting on behalf of the Hon. the
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works):
"In respect to 1. 572, in respect to lot 4,503;
12, in respect to lot 4,504. 2. Yes, with
respect to licenses granted over lot
4,504. 3. All necessary steps will be
taken. 4. The matter has not yet been
decided."

Mr. Tatlow, the member for Van-
couver, then asked the Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works the following ques-
tions: 1. Have any arrangements been
made with any person or corporation for
the privilege of haulage or traffic over
the bridge across the Fraser river, at
New Westminster? 2. If so, what are
the terms and conditions of such ar-
rangements?

As sole representative of the govern-
ment in the House he thereupon as Hon.
Mr. Tatlow (acting on behalf of the Hon.
the Chief Commissioner of Lands and
Works), replied: "1. None. 2. Answered
by No. 1."

Again the member for Vancouver
appeared in his dual capacity. Mr. Tatlow
asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands
and Works the following questions: 1.
Have any examinations under the Boiler
Inspection Act been held in the city of
Vancouver? 2. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows
(acting on behalf of the Hon. the Chief
Commissioner of Lands and Works): "1.
No. 2. As so many Vancouver engineers
prefer to be examined individually, rather
than in the presence of 12 or 15 others,
arrangements have been made from time
to time for such examinations at the
chief inspector's office in New West-
minster, and during the last year 72 Van-
couver men have been thus examined at
their own request. There are 53 applica-
tions on file from Vancouver. Many
of these are not properly filled in. As
soon as this is done, examination rooms
will have to be rented, as there is no
space room in the courts house."

Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Agri-
culture the following question: What
was the amount of travelling expenses
incurred by the Deputy Minister of Agri-
culture from 30th June, 1902, to date?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow (the government) left
his place apparently seeking some deputy
head who might impart the necessary
information, finally returning amid
laughter to announce: "I'll answer in a
little time."

Bills.

The report on the bill "An Act to in-
corporate the Kootenay Central Rail-
road Company" was adopted.
Mr. Neil wanted the "Act to amend
the Liquor License Act, 1900," passed.
There was a great injustice worked by
women not being allowed to hold licenses.
The bill, however, was passed over.

The bill entitled "An Act to amend

the South Africa War Land Grant

Act, 1901," was committed, with Mr.

Paterson in the chair. The committee rose,
and reported the bill complete with
amendment.

On the second reading the bill in-
troduced the "Small Holdings Act, 1903,"
was discharged.

In adjourned committee on the bill to
incorporate the Anglican Synod of the
Diocese of Kootenay, with Mr. How-
thornthwaite in the chair, Mr. Houston
brought to the attention of the House
in order that the opinion of the Attorney-
General should be obtained upon a
question of mortmain, which was dealt
with by Mr. Neil. He was not a legal man, and as
he wanted to know what was the practice
in the Imperial House he asked the third
member from Victoria to give his opin-
ion.

Mr. McPhillips went fully into the sub-
ject, but he considered it would perhaps
be as well to have this section struck
out of the bill. This was accordingly
done, and the bill passed the commit-
tee. The committee rose and reported the
bill complete.

"An Act to incorporate the Kootenay
Development & Tramway Company" was
committed with Mr. Kidd in the
chair. The operation of the act was
made to apply to West Kootenay alone.
The committee rose and reported the bill
complete with amendment.

"An Act to amend Chap. 71, cited as
the Special Survey Act, 1890," "An
Act to amend the Supreme Court Act"
and "An Act to amend the Companies
Winding-up Act, 1898," all passed their
third reading.

The House then adjourned.

Notice of Motions.

Smith Curtis has given notice of a
motion respecting the supply of coal and
 coke from the Crow's Nest Coal Com-
pany's mines. The resolution sets forth
that while the price of coal was fixed at
\$2 a ton on the cars at Fernie that no
maximum price for coke was arranged
for between the company and the Do-
minion government. It states that a one
ton and three-fifths of coal is sufficient
to produce a ton of coke, and that the
labor involved in the transforming of it
cannot constitute more than 50 cents ad-
ditional per ton. The price therefore
should not exceed \$3.70 a ton for coke.

Continuing, it is recited that the
Crow's Nest Coal Company fixed the
price at \$4 a ton. About a year ago it
was increased to \$4.25 a ton on the cars
at Fernie. In April of this year the
price was again raised to \$4.50.

The resolution then goes on to show
that the question of a supply of coke is
one of vital importance to the mining in-
dustry, especially that of the Boundary
district, where the ore is low grade
and where the profits are not large. The
cost of coke forms a very important part
in the cost of working these ores. It
amounts to 40 per cent. of the total cost
of mining. It is therefore pointed out
that it is essential that the cost of coke
should be reduced so as to enable these
mines to be properly developed. The
resolution therefore recommends the Do-
minion government to take immediate
steps towards opening coal mines in the
vicinity of the Crow's Nest Coal Com-
pany's mines. The resolution sets forth
that to those of the Crow's Nest Coal Com-
pany as a means of remedying this evil.

Another resolution by Mr. Curtis calls
for immediate action being taken by the
provincial government to enforce the
agreement respecting coal supply entered
into between the B. C. South-western
government, and which the resolution re-
cites has not been carried out.

HYPNOTIC ENTERTAINMENT.

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Few more mirth provoking aggrega-
tions ever appeared on the public stage
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committee of hypnotic subjects in the
theatre last night. There was a
good attendance, and the audience at
times almost in convulsions of
laughter. The programme was intro-
duced with an exhibition of slight-of-
hand, some of which work appeared ex-
tremely clever, and some Mr. McEwen
led his spectators into the mystery of
hypnotism. It was not an attempt to
force subjects to follow mentally the
suggestion of the hypnotist, but one to
demonstrate to the interested ones,
anxious to learn, the simplicity of the
power exercised. To prove conclusively
the ease with which this can be done a
number of those who had been experi-
mented on applied a test to each other
with signal success.

From this act on the programme, the
programme, Professor McEwen's enter-
tainment partook of a very funny char-
acter. Possibly the bit of the evening
was an address delivered by one of the
young subjects before an imaginary meet-
ing of the W. C. T. U. The speech took
a remarkable turn, showing the speaker
to have been tempted by a drink of
liquor, which he could not resist. The
situation was ludicrous in the extreme,
and the speaker who started out so en-
thusiastically concluded his remarks up-
roarously. Laughter from this act, how-
ever, had hardly subsided when Mr. Mc-
Ewen introduced another hypnotic exhi-
bition. Two dolls were placed in the
hands of a couple of subjects, who were
first shown fondling and feeding the in-
fants, and then as finding their fathers
among the men of the audience.

Assuming a sleeping condition the
members of the committee were then
directed by the hypnotist to behold first a
number of ladies waiting to them across
a river, and then making faces to a
number of boys across a street, and lastly
as representing so many side shows on
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After all there is something attractive about the character of what the Colonel said a few days ago called the "infantile mind" of the new Premier of British Columbia. Mr. McBride in his ministerial inaugural address expressed the deep gratitude and the depths of the obligations he was under to the Liberals who accomplished the defeat of the Prior government and enabled him to attain a power he could never have gained by his own energies or abilities. If his duty to the Conservative party had not pressed so strongly upon him as to obliterate all his sense of honor as a man he would have been pleased to recognize in a substantial manner the debt he owed to his "Liberal colleagues." That sentence may be interpreted as meaning that if Mr. McBride had been a true man he would have played the part of a man rather than that of a traitor when he was called by circumstances to play a part he is by nature, disposition and capacity, as events have proved, utterly unfit to play.

But Mr. McBride is not utterly lacking in gratitude. By no means. Speaking in the name of the great Conservative party, he is prepared to grant an unheard-of boon to the Liberals. He will not countenance any such procedure as was adopted in the days when his friends were supreme at Ottawa. Hon. Richard McBride will not pass any franchise act or gerrymander act for the purpose of hampering his opponents, the Liberals of British Columbia. Not at all. He will give them a fair field and no favor—this once—let the Liberals come out and defeat his government if they can.

Probably it has not occurred to this astute and ambitious leader of a very hungry party that much more is implied than is said in this generous declaration. It is practically a confession that wherever the Conservative party has the power it is not in the habit of meeting its opponents upon fair terms. The gerrymandering and disfranchising mood is the normal condition of our delightfully candid friends, the Tories. Mr. McBride is an abnormal development from abnormal conditions. Upon that point there cannot be a great deal of doubt. We would advise the friends of the new leader to seal him up. He is much more impressive in silence than in speech. Besides, he is so prone to say the wrong thing.

GROSSLY IRREGULAR PROCEEDINGS.

Verily the politicians of British Columbia are a distinct and peculiar class. In manners and customs they are a cut above the fellows who believe in doing all things in decency and order. The statesmen who assume to "control the House" to-day have been so eager to grasp at power under the guise of "party lines" that they have not had time to bestow a minute's thought upon any assistance the province might have upon their attention. The one dominant thought is the salvation of the great Conservative party—how to reconcile to the new order of things the many who have been left out in the deal. That is no easy task, as Hon. Richard McBride has no doubt already discovered. But we have no doubt some kind of a peace will eventually be patched up and the loyal Tories of the Interior will be found lined up along with the Colonel and the gang who have been dismissed for various "indiscretions" in support of the venacious and honorable gentlemen who are to-day profiting from the persistent operations of Mr. Oliver and a few of the aggressive Liberals in the Legislature. In the meantime, if Hon. Richard McBride and his exulting strategists can spare a few moments for the consideration of other matters than their good fortune in being temporarily in positions they have secured in dishonor and are bringing into contempt, we might call their attention to the gross irregularity of the proceedings of the House they control. When Colonel Prior was dismissed no announcement of that important fact was made in the Legislature. He was asked by the Lieutenant-Governor to read the letter of dismissal to the members. He refused to do it. It was the ex-Premier's duty to officially and in a regular manner inform the House of what had taken place, to place the members of the Legislature in possession of full information upon a subject in which all the people are interested. The Colonel had so little regard for his own dignity and for the rights and privileges of the people and of the Crown that he churlishly refused to do this. The opposition assumed from the fact that Mr. McBride had been called into the councils of the Lieutenant-Governor that His Honor's former advisor had been dismissed, and through Mr. Green proceeded to "take charge of things." One Minister has been sworn in, and that is as far as the recognized constitutional practice has been complied with. It is presumed—in fact it has been announced—that while the personnel of the Ministers has been decided upon, they will not be sworn in until they have assisted in the passage of supply. Surely there is something grossly irregular in this. It is a recognized principle of all constitutional forms that the King's government must go on. There must be continuity. Is it not laid down by authorities that ministers must hold office until their successors are appointed? They may not perform any acts of administration, but nominally they are in charge of the departments. If that be the case, what is the position of affairs to-day? Only the successor of Mr. Wells has been appointed. All the other old ministers are in office. In any event, it is clear that the method which has been adopted of securing a majority is altogether indefensible. The Ministers should be sworn in at once and go before their constituents for a preliminary endorsement of the government's policy—if it has any policy save the idiotic declaration that its in favor of party lines and grab when the opportunity occurs. The evident purpose of the Ministers is to evade the constitutional practice and draw their salaries for four or five months without formally ascertaining the attitude of the electorate towards this new "principle" that has been so suddenly injected into our political life. The fact that it is a "new departure" makes the necessity of regularity but the more imperative. It would not be surprising if the Lieutenant-Governor should draw the attention of another Premier to the business of his conceptions of Ministerial responsibility. Perhaps he may call upon Mr. McBride to give his attention to the works of a gentleman named Todd, who is generally admitted to be an authority upon constitutional procedure as applicable to the colonies.

His says: "Whenever the Houses of Parliament are notified that the ministers of the crown have resigned, or have been dismissed from their offices, and that the administration is dissolved, it is customary for them to adjourn over to some future day, until a new ministry is formed. The motion to adjourn upon such an occasion is usually and properly made by one of the ex-ministers, at the request of the person who has been entrusted with the formation of a new ministry. Any further adjournments that may be necessary before the new arrangements are complete should be proposed in a similar way. For, notwithstanding their resignation, the outgoing ministers are bound to conduct the ordinary business of the House, inasmuch as they retain the seals of office, and continue in full possession of their official authority and functions, until their successors are appointed."

Now if the successors of the Prior Ministry have not been appointed they should be. Until they are appointed the old Ministers retain the seals of office and continue "in full possession of their official authority and functions." We should like authoritative information upon these matters. It is time the farce was ended.

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ing a cure. That would be simple indeed. But perhaps it would be unwise to assume thus early that either cause or cure has been discovered. In spite of the research of ages there is to-day no certain cure for cancer but the knife, and there are many cases in which that cannot be used.

—Table covers, chandelier curtains, table damasks, towels, sheetings, table linens, bath mats, and a host of other household necessities, at Weiler Bros.

—Owing to notices which have appeared in the Eastern papers R. E. Gosnell, of the provincial bureau of information, is in receipt of a number of letters from farm hands who are available for employment. Most of these are good milkers, and farmers desiring such assistance should write to the department at once.

SPENCER'S

Western Canada's Big Store.

The June White Goods Sale

Don't let To-day's enthusiastic buying make you think these special stocks are exhausted. We have planned for just such selling every day this month.

<p>New White Offering</p> <p>added to former list for</p> <p>Thursday's Selling \$1.00 White Shirts for 65c</p> <p>Men's White Laundered Shirts (W. G. & H. make); regular price</p> <p>100 for the June White Sale, 65c each</p> <p>Men's White Cotton Nightshirts for this sale for 65c each.</p> <p>Best quality W. G. & R. Collars, all the new shapes, sold everywhere at 20c, and in some stores at 25c, for this sale 15c each.</p> <p>Turnover Collars, 3 for 25c, instead of 3 for 50c.</p> <p>Men's White Pique Ties, 2 for 25c.</p> <p>Ladies' Whitewear</p> <p>Nightgowns, 25c, 35c, 50c, and 75c; value 40c to \$1.25.</p> <p>\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 Gowns, for 90c</p> <p>10 different styles at this price.</p> <p>Special Display of this Line for Tomorrow.</p>	<p>Infants' Slips</p> <p>Some very expensive Slips, marked at half price.</p> <p>Slips trimmed real Val Lace; regular \$15.00. Now \$7.50.</p> <p>Fancy Lace Trimmed Slips; regular \$10.00. For \$5.00.</p> <p>Infants' Cashmere Robes, trimmed Silk Embroidery; regular \$3.75. Now \$2.50.</p> <p>Pink and Blue Flannelette Nightgowns, trimmed Lace. Now 35c each.</p> <p>Infants' Cashmere Robes, trimmed Silk Embroidery; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Now 75c.</p> <p>Summer Offerings of Lace Curtains</p> <p>In connection with the White Sale, we have selected eight exceptional good bargains in curtains (as sample designs shown on bill distributed throughout the city with new fashion sheets for June), and will sell them at \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.15, \$2.75, \$2.00, \$4.50, \$4.85 and \$6.75. Worth one-half more than the prices asked.</p>	<p>The Sale of Pottery</p> <p>SECOND FLOOR.</p> <p>Some very attractive Jardinieres at 15c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00 each.</p> <p>The same kinds that you pay twice as much for in any other store.</p> <p>One of the Big Features of this June White Sale is the attractive prices quoted for</p> <p>Linens, Sheetings, Pillow Cases, Bedspreads</p> <p>8-4 Bleached Sheet, 20c yard.</p> <p>20c. Lawns for 10c.</p> <p>\$1.50 Bedspreads for \$1.15.</p> <p>We will tell you more about these attractive linens later.</p> <p>See window display Thursday.</p> <p>Embroideries that were 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c to 60c; while they last 15c a yard.</p>
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CARPETS AND RUGS AT WEILER BROS.

NEW GOODS, NEW COLORINGS, NEW STYLES

Everybody admires fine Carpets. Everybody is satisfied that Weiler Bros.' goods are reliable, and that honest values are always to be obtained in their Store. A line of new Brussels Carpets and Carpet Squares has just been added to their Stock (being a late spring shipment). These goods are marked at quick selling prices, and a rapid turn over is anticipated.

Brussels Carpeting

at \$1.05, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 to \$1.50 per yard, in a splendid range of new designs and stylish colorings.

(10c. per yard extra for making and laying.)

An Immense Variety of Hearth Rugs.

Beam Rugs	Axminster Rugs	Velvet Rugs
1 ft. 11x4 ft. 7.....\$2.00	2 ft. 5x5 ft. 1.....\$4.50	2 ft. 1x4 ft. 6.....\$2.50
2 ft. 2x5 ft. 4.....\$2.50	2 ft. 10x5 ft. 8.....\$6.00	2 ft. 3x5 ft. 2.....\$3.00
2 ft. 6 x 5 ft. 9.....\$3.00	2 ft. 7x5 ft. 2.....\$5.50	2 ft. 6x5 ft. 8.....\$3.50
(A good strong rug for general purposes.)	3 ft. 9x6 ft. 0.....\$7.50	(This is a jute velvet rug, having the appearance of Wilton.)
	(The most effective and useful rug made for the money.)	

Weiler Bros.' Warehousemen, Victoria, B. C.

<p>VICTORIA THEATRE</p> <p>ONE ENTIRE WEEK COMMENCING</p> <p>Monday, June 1st.</p> <p>The World-Renowned Scottish Entertainer,</p> <p>The Great McEwen</p> <p>HYMNIST, MIND READER, MAGICIAN. Whose fame as the master of occult phenomena is not bounded by continents, but is supreme throughout the inhabited globe. Popular prices, 25c, 50c, 75c. Reserved seats on sale Friday at the Victoria Book & Stationery Store.</p>	<p>FINEST HOUSE PAINTS, STAINS AND VARNISHES</p> <p>J. SEARS.</p> <p>Phone, 3742. 91-93 Yates Street.</p> <p>COAL! COAL!</p> <p>(NO SCARCITY OF COAL!)</p> <p>PHONE 407. We beg to notify the public that we have not advanced the price of our coal. It is still per ton, sack or lump—\$6.00</p> <p>JAMES BAKER & CO.</p>	<p>Fine 8-Room House</p> <p>One of choicest locations in the city, 7 minutes from Post Office; must sell at once. Price, \$4,000.</p> <p>J. E. CHURCH, BROKER, 14 TRONCON AVE.</p> <p>Do You Know Shorthand?</p> <p>WHY NOT? IT PAYS. We can teach you through correspondence. Write to us for rates.</p> <p>THE VOGEL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE</p> <p>VANCOUVER, B. C.</p>
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In 1/2 pint bottles, 10c each.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NELSON.

School Inspector Wilson has returned after paying an official visit to the schools at Ferguson, Trout Lake and other Lakeview towns.

Since the present fire risk, caused by the members of the Nelson Rifle Association, was completed, there has been an increasing number of business men taking advantage of the opportunity thus offered for becoming efficient shots.

PHOENIX.

Suspensions of the prevalence of hog cholera in this locality at the ranch of Wm. Jenks, a couple of miles below this city, prompted Provincial Constable Barragh to send for the Dominion Veterinary Inspector, Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson. The latter at once pronounced the hog cholera, and ordered the animals that had not already died, some 32, to be destroyed. Accordingly 35 head were shot, and the carcasses and buildings were burned. Some 70 head of hogs belonging to Frank Dixon, a mile or two from Greenwood, on Providence creek, found to be similarly afflicted, were also destroyed in the same way. Altogether hogs valued at about \$2,000, either died from the disease or were killed by official order in the boundary this week. The owners will receive partial remuneration for the animals by order of the Dominion official, but they will be no small losers nevertheless.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Monday afternoon a large volume of smoke was noticed, it being according from near the corner of the bridge contractors, and it was soon seen that the large power saw was in flames. However, by the time the ferry boat Surrey, with her powerful pumps arrived on the scene, the fire had been controlled by the workmen, who had put the saw's own powerful pumps working. When the fire had been extinguished it was found that the total damage would amount to about \$250, as only the framework of the saw had been damaged. Ten or fifteen dollars will cover the loss on the machinery.

Only the Royal City Mills factory is affected here by the strike of the woodworkers. About 85 men, including Japanese and Chinese at the saw and door factory, are out. The men want nine hours instead of ten hours per day, a difference of five hours per week. The movement was spontaneous among the workmen and has no connection with the local union. All the white men had work elsewhere within a few hours.

ROSSLAND.

Further communications were received from the Nelson Dominion Day celebration committee on Friday, which settle the question of the Rossland company visiting Nelson on July 1st in the affirmative. The company will leave here by special train departing at an early hour on Dominion Day, and return after the proceedings at the Queen City.

Ground was broken on Friday morning for the "Father Pat" memorial fountain at the intersection of Washington street and Columbia avenue. The structure is to be pushed ahead to completion as rapidly as possible, and within a month, at the outside, should be finished and supplied for thirsty men and beasts. The main body of the fountain will be a compact pile of Rossland granite and Kaslo marble. Surmounting the main section is a granite pillar eight feet in height. At the corners of the main section are ornamental standards containing electric lamps. The standards are to be wrought-iron with rustless finish. Dog and horse troughs are provided for in addition to the jets from which persons will secure drinking water. A twenty-inch chamber is arranged for in the centre of the pile to permit of repairs to the plumbing or the replacing of pipes in case of freezing.

VANCOUVER.

During the past month 47 births, 25 marriages and 30 deaths were registered at the court house. Of the deaths recorded seven were of persons of either Chinese or Japanese nationality.

The rainfall during the past month amounted to 3.68 inches.

At Monday night's meeting of the council the by-law to amend the by-law licensing milk vendors was read a second time. According to the amendment vendors will have to pay \$5 per annum for every wagon employed, while any vendor having only one cow and no wagon will be taxed \$2.50. The by-law to amend the Health By-Law was read a second time. This amendment is aimed to prevent Chinese overcrowding and enacts that all rooms shall have a window opening on the street.

The total loss sustained by fire during the month did not exceed \$2,300, only two fires of any consequence taking place.

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A resolution has been passed by the board of trade requesting the Dominion government to bonus the projected V. & E. A resolution has also carried expressing intense satisfaction at the recent expression by Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in favor of preferential trade, believing that this policy is necessary for the future prosperity, progress and solidarity of the Empire. A copy will be sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

The board of trade and city council have been asked to memorialize the Dominion government to aid the projected Coast-Kootenay railway. The council have laid the matter over for one week. The local branch of the Bank of Montreal has received word that owing to the prosperous business done by that institution during the past year that all the officials and employees will be granted a bonus, amounting to 20 per cent. of their salaries for the year.

On Monday night the by-law to close billiard and pool rooms on Sunday came before the council sitting as a committee of the whole. Ald. Wood remarked that he did not think it was in the interests of the city to be so strict regarding Sunday closing. He questioned whether the by-law was of any good. If it passed, there would be a number of clubs started under provincial charters. It was just a bunking by-law, meant to catch the votes of certain people. Like a great many others, it was not worth the paper it was written on, and they should make a bonfire of it. Ald. McQuigan felt very much of the same opinion as Ald. Wood. It was an attempt to discriminate. He belonged to a club with a large membership and pool was played there on Sundays. It would prove a particular hardship to strangers who always found Sunday a dull day in a strange city. It was true they had their churches, but they did not appeal to all, probably owing to some defect of their organization. Closing up pool rooms would drive people to worse places. Ald. McQueen considered that if they passed this line of argument, they should not have any license regulations whatever. Ald. Bethune said that a little freedom was granted, people abused it and so the community sometimes had to suffer. The by-law provides that pool rooms shall close at midnight on Saturday until 6 a. m. on Monday morning. The violation of the law there is a punishment of a fine up to \$100, or, in default, imprisonment not exceeding two months. The by-law was finally passed.

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City Clerk's office, Victoria, B.C., May 28, 1903.

Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 20th day of May, 1903, at the City Hall, situate on Chamberlain street, at 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by Public Auction the following animals, viz., one white bull, two red and white heifers, one roan heifer, about eighteen months old; total, four; unless the said animals are redeemed, and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

F. C. EBERMAN, Pound Keeper.

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Does Your Food Distress You?

Are you nervous? Do you feel older than you used to? Is your appetite poor? Is your tongue coated with a slimy, yellowish fur? Do you have dizzy spells? Have you a bad taste in your mouth? Have you a sensation of fullness after eating? Do you have heartburn? Do you belch gas or wind? Do you have excessive thirst? Do you notice black specks before the eyes? Do you have pain or oppression around the heart? Does your heart palpitate, or beat irregularly? Do you have unpleasant dreams? Are you constipated? Do your limbs tremble or vibrate? Are you restless at night? NAME..... Occupation..... Street number..... Town.....

If you have any or all of the above symptoms you probably have Dyspepsia. Fill in the above blank, send to us, and we will mail you a free trial of PEPER KOLA TABLETS—unquestionably the most effective Dyspepsia cure known—along with our little book "Advice to Dyspeptics." Regular use PEPER KOLA TABLETS, 25 cents, by mail, or of your druggist.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The output of the different collieries of the Dominion Coal Company for May amounted to 251,513 tons.

At the inquest at Kallispel, Mont., over the body of Supt. B. F. Egan, the jury returned the following verdict: "We fully believe that Ben. F. Egan met his death on or about November 4th, 1902, by falling and striking his head upon a dead log with snags upon the same, and rendering him unconscious, from which he chilled and died, never regaining consciousness."

A shoemaker, named unknown, from Morrissey, attempted to swim the Elk river at Morrissey Junction on Monday and lost his life. The river is in a flood and two bridges have been swept away.

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MR. GEO. S. BROOKS, Shanty Bay, Ont. This is what he says in his letter:

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SOMETHING OF THE
"HOMELESS NATION"ELOQUENT ORATION ON
THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Was Recently Delivered by Young University Student of Oregon—A Remarkable History.

The appended eloquent address on the Homeless Nation was recently delivered at Eugene, Oregon, by Erastus A. Smith, a student of McMinnville College. It won the oratorical contest, and is singularly apropos just now when the world is being shocked by news of the terrible atrocities at Kischineff. It is as follows:

"The Jew is the most remarkable man of this world. His beginning is in the gray dawn of history; his ending is somewhere in the shadows of eternity. Of all mankind there is none whose history is so full of extreme mutations, so replete with suffering and horror, and so abounding in extraordinary providences. The mightiest floods of human temptations have not overwhelmed him. The fiercest fires of fiendish cruelty have not consumed him. Although for centuries his blood has marked crimson the pathway of time. In the extent and character of his influence upon humanity, no man approaches him. His history is the record of our civilization and progress in this world and of our faith and hope in that which is to come. From him we derived the pattern of all that is pure and true on earth or in heaven. As priest and faith-giver, he has been the grand usher to the councils of the Almighty and the guardian of God's mandates to the conscience of man.

"No man has given so much to religion and civilization as the Jew. No race or dynasty has such a glorious record. Says Lord Macaulay of the Roman Pontiffs, 'There is no institution upon the face of the earth that can point to such a splendid lineage as the papacy, which reaches back to the twilight of fable, compared to it the proudest royal houses are but as yesterday.' But before the twilight of fable began, the Jewish priesthood had passed its noonday radiance. Long before Homer sang of gods and war, or Virgil sang of the Trojan hand that killed his brother, the Jew was offering sacrifice to the true God in beauty and holiness; long before Caesar or pope ruler in the world, Solomon was receiving his homage, and before our rude forefathers had established a tribal identity, Daniel was instructing the Chaldean philosophers.

"We admire the heroism of the sturdy Greek and Roman, but reject with disgust their vile divinities. We affect to despise the Jew, but accept and adore the pure God of his conception, of whose existence the history of the Jew furnishes the strongest proof.

"We are indebted to the Jewish founders for monotheism in its purest form. Whether they discovered the unity of God by philosophical research or by divine revelation, it makes them the most illustrious men of the ages. The purpose of the race was to give to the world a just code of laws and to teach the unity and fatherhood of God. This was understood in Jehovah's promise: 'In thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed.' While other races had a conception of God, the Jews alone handed down to posterity a knowledge of Jehovah free from corrupting myths. For this ideal they have endured persecution from the very beginning.

"The Jews have struggled for national existence against the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Syrians and Romans. They were almost exterminated by each of these powers, yet have outlived them all. They have been oppressed and persecuted by emperors and republicans, sultans and popes, Moors and inquisitors. They have been proscribed alike by Protestant and Catholic, while the persecu-

tors sang their psalms, revered their books, believed their prophets, and persecuted in the name of their God.

"During the middle ages, the Jews' condition in all Europe was most pitiable. The Magna Charta deprived them of their liberty, property and residence; everywhere they were denied the rights of citizenship and were banished, plundered and murdered at will by rabble and king.

"The Jews, moreover, were forced to loan the money that equipped the first two Crusades, and were repaid by confiscation, banishment and death. The first Crusade left a track of Jewish blood from Germany to Jerusalem.

"The Spanish Inquisition, the curse and downfall of Spain, was instigated primarily at the Jews, and by it ninety-seven thousand suffered fine, imprisonment and death, and three hundred thousand were banished and all this was done in the name of Jesus Christ, a Jew. That Christianity should live and flourish despite its bigotry and persecution and that the Jew should endure and survive such persecution, are the two great miracles of our civilization.

"The world owes a great debt to the Jew, for while it slept, locked in the embrace of idolatry, he worshipped the true God and created a sacred literature which he guarded with his life for the benefit of humanity. His mosaic code was for ages the best and most comprehensive treatment of animals and justice to mankind. In it only four crimes were punishable by death, while but sixty years ago, in the English code, there were one hundred and fifty capital offences. Trials were conducted by a court of twenty-three of the nation's most upright men. Landlordism was impossible, as land taken for debt reverted, every fifty years, to the original owner; and to exact usury from a fellow Jew was a state crime.

"The Jew is a man of peace; his mission was one of peace. His founders, unlike those of the classic races, were not red-handed murderers, but their ways were ways of pleasantness and all their paths were peace. The wars of David, the poet king, were not wars of pillage and rapine, but of subjection, while the glories of Solomon were achievements of peace.

"Although a lover of peace, no man has fought so valiantly and so desperately for his institutions as the Jew. Israel's heroes far surpass those of Greece, Rome and the Maccabees, and the last two sieges of Jerusalem, for desperation and valor, have no parallels in history; at last, when rights, liberty, and home were lost, the Jew did not despond, but made the best of his circumstances. Nothing could conquer this man with his undying patriotism and his infinite trust in God.

"The Jew's hopefulness and his exclusiveness have preserved both him and his sacred institutions; and although they distrusted each other, could rely implicitly upon the business integrity of the despised Jew, and his bills of credit were gladly honored in market and palace.

"If to-day the Jew is cunning and distrustful, swarting or cringing, it is because our fathers have made him so, and the obligation rests upon us to remove every disability that ingratitude and bigotry have heaped upon him. We despise children who have cast off their parents, but for ages Christianity and Mohammedanism gave their parent, the Jew, nothing save feet of friendly earth.

"We have been long in learning the spirit of Christ, who, when His accusers called down upon themselves the curse of God, prayed, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' We have long since forgiven or excused the cruel bigot, of the Papist, the Calvinist, and the Puritan, but not that of the Jew. He is the only man who has been and is still held responsible for the mistakes of his fathers. The dawn of the twentieth century blazes at the sight of Christian nations still persecuting the Jew. In the light of our civilization, that nation which strikes this people is a pariah.

"Although the Jews have for centuries been dispersed over the face of the earth, yet their peculiar customs, their distinctive features, and their scattered unity, make them a wonder and an admiration. Those who see a nation as we speak of nations—yet they live. Their ideas and wealth fill the earth, help to move the wheels of progress and uplift humanity. In all ages they have broken the rigid bars of their environment and kept abreast of the times. Maimonides was the light of the dark ages; Spinoza was the sage of the 17th century; Dorelli, Gambetta and Castelar were the European champions of religious and civil liberty; and to-day the world is sweetened by the harmonies of Mendelssohn, Rubinstein and Rosenthal. Though true to their religion and land they ever sob over Jerusalem's desolation and sigh for their Jewish hills.

"The Jew has learned by hard experience, from Egyptian bondage to Spanish persecution, that if he would prosper, he must be true to himself, to his religion, and to his God. He knows, too, that Israel still has a mission and that this mission is a Jewish mission, and must be accomplished in a Jewish way. He knows also, that as long as Israel preserves her national identity, the world will recognize by this living monument that the hand of God is in the affairs of men.

"The Jews, therefore, will remain distinct until the sunshine of intelligence dispels the mists of ignorance and the dark shadows of cruel bigotry flee away. When every land shall know the truth, when every heart shall receive the Prince of Peace, and every knee shall bow to the Jews' Jehovah, then Israel's mission will be fulfilled and her sorrow and bitterness shall be no more."

COMMUNICATIONS.

COWS ON THE ROADS.

To the Editor:—I thought the council had given instructions that cows and horses were not to be allowed on the streets, but it surely cannot be the case, as both cows and horses are on the streets across James Bay, to the great annoyance of many people. Some large horses are "rearing up" occasionally, and I thought for a moment they were fire department horses, but that cannot be of course. If the police have instructions to prevent this nuisance, why do they disobey orders? RATEPAYER.

PRICES OF LUMBER.

To the Editor:—In answer to "Car-penter" in yesterday's Times re the cost of lumber for the three years he quotes, I would say that in 1901 and 1902 the prices were not in the 19th. The present price is delivered at the job, with 10 per cent. off for builders paying cash and 5 per cent. for others. For comparison, take a house I am at present building, which will cost \$2,500, the lumber bill for which would be in 1901 \$333.50, in 1902 \$322.50, and the present price is \$471.50, from which take \$29 for hauling and \$47 for discount, leaving net price \$394.50. Consequently the difference would be only \$65 between the years 1901 and 1902. There has been so much said in the local press and among the general public about the price of lumber, besides the exaggerations of "Car-penter," that it is time the public knew the truth. I am perfectly satisfied that lumber is not so cheap as it was in 1901 and 1902, but we must remember that it is much higher and harder to get every year. So you see the advance in lumber is not anything like our friend would have the public at large believe.

I may say that it is also erroneous to say that the cost of living has materially advanced in that time. It is rather less.

F. T. SHERBOURNE.

FISHERY REGULATIONS.

To the Editor:—I append hereto extracts from the "Fisheries Act," chapter 95, Revised Statutes, to which I respectfully ask you on behalf of the public weal and the interests of navigation to give publicity. In explanation, I would say that on account of the ignorance of fishermen, nets are set so as to completely block the channels of navigation, the fishermen assuming to understand that because they hold a license to fish that they can place their nets anywhere they choose. This ignorance of the law has led to loss of life and damage to property and is a source of danger not alone to the fishermen, but to passengers on steamboats, since the winding up of the nets upon a propeller will disarrange a ship and leave her completely at the mercy of the wind and tide. The matter being one of serious importance to the travelling public, as well as to the fishermen, it is hoped that all newspapers circulating along the Coast will, in the interests of humanity, give the necessary publicity to these extracts.

J. J. MARTIN,
Secretary P. C. Div. Merchant Service
Guild of Canada.

Fisheries Act.

(Chap. 95). Sec. 1.—All nets or other lawful appliances for the capture of salmon shall be placed at a distance of not less than two hundred and fifty yards apart, without intermediate fishing materials of any kind being set or used in and about any other part of the stream.

Sec. 8.—Drift nets shall not be so set or used as to obstruct more than one-third of the width of any river.

Sec. 9.—Any fishery officer may direct, either in writing or orally on sight, that a greater space than two hundred and fifty yards shall be left between salmon nets, or other fishing apparatus, and may prescribe their dimensions and extension; but all or part of such nets shall not be used to bighten, extend or enlarge any other kind of fishery.

General Prohibitions.

(Chap. 95). Sec. 14, sub-sec. 11.—Fishery officers may determine or prescribe the distance between each and every fishery and shall forthwith remove any fishery which the owner neglects or refuses to move; and such owner shall be moreover liable for a violation of this act, and for the cost and damages of removing such fishery.

Sec. 14, sub-sec. 2.—Salmon nets or other fishing apparatus shall not be set in such manner or in such places as to obstruct the navigation with boats and vessels, and no boats or vessels shall be permitted to destroy or wantonly injure in any way any salmon nets or other fishing apparatus lawfully set.

Sec. 14, sub-sec. 4.—The main channel or course of any stream shall not be obstructed by any nets or other fishing apparatus; and one-third of the course of any river or stream, and not less than two-thirds of the main channel at low tide, in every stream, shall be always left open, and no kind of fishing apparatus or material shall be used or placed therein.

Judge McLean, in the Supreme Court, New York, has rendered a decision sustaining the right of the New York Produce Exchange in expelling a member who had been accused by another member of being connected with or having dealings with a syndicate which is asserted to have been conducted irregularly.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described tract of land situated on the shores of Buttle's Lake, in Comox and Clayquot Districts: Commencing at a point on the E. & N. railroad grant line, where the E. & N. railroad grant line intersects Buttle's Lake; thence along said shore line a distance of one mile, easterly direction for a distance of one-half mile; thence in a southerly direction following a line paralleling the east shore line of the lake and distant therefrom two miles to the head of Buttle's Lake; thence in a northerly direction following a line paralleling the west shore line of the said Buttle's Lake, and distant therefrom two miles, to the point of intersection with the E. & N. railroad grant line; thence southerly along said shore line to the lake shore; thence along said shore line in a southerly and northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing about 50,000 acres more or less.

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Dated this 23rd day of April, 1903.

JOSEPH SAUER.

NOTICE.

I give notice that it is my intention to apply for a lease of the foreshore for industrial purposes from a point on the north side of the lease granted me by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of a portion of their right of way on Burrard Inlet to the point on the west side of Clark Drive, where said lease terminates.

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